



# QUINCE ORCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Office of the Principal

August 2, 2011

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the opening of the new school year! I hope you have been enjoying a summer that has given you a chance to spend time with your family, to read a few good books, to take a course or participate in an internship, to attend band camp, to visit another country or culture to broaden your perspective on the world, or to work a summer job. All of these are enriching experiences, and they help you form lasting memories and appreciation of others.

The school building, in addition to serving as the home of the Regional Summer School program, has also been undergoing a full cleaning and the installation of banners and posters as well as a few new security cameras. Mrs. Schrader and some of the coaches have refreshed our red Cougar paws which you will notice as you enter the parking lot. The sign for the Cougar Dome, blown away in last year's storms, has been replaced. The stadium is ready for football season! I would like recognize many of the people who have been working so hard over the summer to prepare for the new school year. Many thanks to our building services staff, led by Mr. Lon Wolcott, for cleaning our entire facility (It sparkles!), to our main office and business office staff for ordering supplies and completing the hundreds of organizational tasks that result in a smooth opening, and to our counseling staff for registering and scheduling many new students to help us begin the school year with students ready for learning.

Our first day of school, August 29, is only weeks away. This fall, the class of 2015 joins the Cougar Red Army; I look forward to seeing all the freshman and other new students at our New Student Family Cookout on Wednesday, August 24. Enclosed in this mailing is information which has been prepared to assist you as we open the school year. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the many opportunities for students to become active in the life of the school, and we strongly urge parents to become involved; there are many opportunities to do so. This year, at the request of our PTSA, we are bringing back the student agenda book. Each student will receive the agenda book during homeroom on the first day of school. The school calendar and student handbook will be mailed in a few weeks.

I hope that you are enjoying these final few days of summer and taking some moments for yourself and your families before the whirlwind of life at Quince Orchard resumes. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Carole Working